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DIRECTORS OF C. OF C. MAKE REPORT

Achievements of Past 7 Months Compiled By Secretary

At the meeting of the Forum held Monday evening in the chamber of commerce rooms an exhaustive and interesting report was submitted by Secretary Pottinger outlining the activities of the directors of the chamber during the seven months the new organization has been in existence.

In accordance with a motion made by Mayor Fitzgugh that the report be given the widest publicity by its publication in the Herald, the pertinent portions of the paper are herewith printed. The Herald regrets that it is impossible to publish this interesting report in full owing to its great length, but the reader is assured that every point brought out in the report is touched on in its reproduction.

"THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TORRANCE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE are asking the support of this community to this or-

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P. O. Receipts Show iBg Gain

Showing a gain of 20.9 per cent over the same period for 1921 the records of the post office of Torrance reveal the fact that during the nine months ending September 30, 1921 the receipts were \$6347.71 and for a like period for this year, \$7676.31.

Segregated the report is as follows:

	1921	1922
Jan. 1 to Mar. 31	\$2563.00	\$2345.43
Apr. 1 to June 30	1748.58	2478.00
July to Sep. 30	2036.13	2852.88
Total	\$6347.71	\$7676.31

Thus the first quarter of 1922 as compared to the first quarter of 1921 shows a decrease of 9 per cent. The second quarter of 1922 over the same quarter of 1921 shows a gain of 41.8 per cent and the third quarter of 1922 as compared with the third quarter of 1921 shows a gain of 40.1 per cent.

In pointing to this remarkable gain in the receipts of his office Postmaster Gourdiere stated that in his opinion the credit "is due solely and wholly to the activity of our chamber of commerce," and that this organization is entitled to the unqualified support, both financially and physically of every resident of Torrance.

Busy Season Ahead For Local Club

Woman's Club of Torrance met Monday afternoon, October 2, at the residence of Mrs. Frank Sammons, 1434 Post avenue. Mrs. Sammons, president, presiding. The minutes of the last meeting of the club year and the minutes of the Advisory board meeting held August 8, were read and accepted. Instead of giving an address as is customary at the opening meeting of the club year, Mrs. Sammons, the new president read a few words from an address by Mrs. Winter, president of the general federation of club women, showing the high ideals for which club women should aim.

Mrs. Sammons also read a collect for club women written in 1904 by Mary Stewart, of Colorado.

Mrs. Parks, treasurer then read her report.

Mrs. Brooks, chairman of the membership committee gave a short outline of her plan for bringing new members into the club.

Mrs. Fitzgugh, chairman of hospitality told of her intention of appointing a committee of two on three members each month to greet the members each meeting and make the new members feel at home. The personnel of this committee to be changed each month in order that the members may all become better acquainted at the meeting. Monday, Mrs. Lessing and Mrs. McAvoy assisted Mrs. Fitzgugh in welcoming the members the summer vacation.

The first reading of the revised by-laws was given by Mrs. Sammons as neither Mrs. Henderson nor Mrs. Briney, who worked upon the revision were present. These by-laws were read section by section, each section being discussed and voted upon before the next section was taken up. Mrs. Fitzgugh, first vice-president, presided during this reading.

The club voted to send Mrs. Henderson and Mrs. Briney, who

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BANKER GIVES REASONS FOR COMING HERE

Pres. Hines of State Bank Tells Why He Selected Torrance

WHY WE CAME TO TORRANCE

By J. B. Hines.

We were first attracted to this vicinity by the oil development—while only one of our number is interested directly in oil development, we all like to be close around where it is.

The attractiveness of Torrance as a residential city and its industries—a combination hard to find, RESIDENTIAL and INDUSTRIAL—a spirit of good-fellowship on every hand, an apparent organized effort to do things, headed by a chamber of commerce with abundance of authentic information, which was freely and cheerfully given by the secretary and his assistant.

There are many influences which cause people to locate, or not to locate in a community and it is our experience up to this moment that everything indicates LOCATE IN TORRANCE.

To Mr. Torrance, who planned this beautiful little city whose ideals are being fostered and protected in an able and efficient manner by the City Trustees and the Dominguez Land Corporation, the chamber of commerce and its genial secretary and the hospitable citizens of Torrance in general, are due the credit, or must stand the blame, as the case may be, for the STATE EXCHANGE BANK being in Torrance.

Here's hoping none will regret our being here.

Style Plus Suits at Sam Levy's

Following one sensational announcement after another, Sam Levy, Torrance tailor, says that next week will see his store equipped with fine new fixtures which he has purchased to care for his new shipment of Style-Plus suits for men. This brand of nationally known clothes comes to Torrance for the first time and will be handled exclusively by Mr. Levy. At the Smart Shoppe the ladies of Torrance and vicinity can now have their hemstitching and picot edge done for 10 cents per yard, which is a great saving. No need to bring your thread, as this is furnished by the Smart Shoppe, free.

Food Sale by Ladies Aid Society

The Ladies Aid Society of the First Methodist Episcopal church of Torrance, will hold a Food Sale at the Rock Bottom Store, on Saturday, Oct. 7, 1922 beginning at 12 o'clock.

The ladies will have on sale, cakes, pies, bread, buns and numerous other good things to eat. And it will all be "Home Made," prepared by the best cooks in town. The prices are extremely reasonable. Do your Saturday shopping with the ladies, they need your help.

Get Two Items For Cent Extra

The enormous buying power of a corporation that is financially interested in more than 8,000 stores in the United States makes possible taking place in Torrance from Oct. 5 to 7 inclusive.

We refer to the one-cent sale at the Dolley Drug Co., where residents of this city will be permitted the privilege of making the purchase of any article at its regular price and by paying one cent extra will be given a duplicate of the purchase.

For instance, buy a hot water bottle for the regular price, \$2.25 and get another for one cent more or a box of chocolates costing \$1.25 buy two for \$1.26.

This system of selling two articles for the cost of one, plus one cent originated with the Rexall Drug company, of which the Dolley Drug Co. is a member.

So powerful is this parent concern that during the late war its services were enlisted in recruiting the merchant marine, and its stores are scattered over the entire globe, numbering more than 30,000.

The only gas range on the market that carries a 25-year guarantee is the Sanico, the rust-proof, porcelain range. Unbreakable, always stays new. See it at the Modern Plumbing Shop, in the new Telephone Building on Weston street.—adv.

High school art students can be supplied with casts at cost, also candle and lamp frames, unfinished moulding, etc. We do kodak finishing and picture framing. M. & M. Photo & Art Studio, 945 W. Palm avenue, Gardena.—adv.

New Furniture Store Locates Here

Due to the wonderful reputation Torrance enjoys on the outside world is responsible for another furniture store being located here. A lease was signed this week by E. H. Huddleston, formerly of Colton, for the large store room at 1212 El Prado, where he will open a new and second hand furniture store the fore-part of the week. Mr. and Mrs. Huddleston are located already in their new quarters and are making every effort to open their store to the public by the first of next week. At that time they cordially invite the buying public to call and inspect their many useful and pretty things they will have arranged for your inspection. Courteous treatment and personal attention to every order will be freely given by the new merchant, who receives the welcome of the business men of Torrance as well as her residents.

Catholic Ladies To Give Dance

The Ladies of the Catholic church will hold a dance in their hall, Torrance, Saturday evening, October 14. Admission 50c each.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the occupational tax is now due and payable at the City Hall. All business men of Torrance are requested to call and remit to City Clerk Bartlett.

BUILDING & LOAN TO ACT ON LOANS MON.

Funds Now Available to Assist Home Builders in Torrance

Beginning Monday the Torrance Mutual Building and Loan Association will be prepared to receive and act upon applications for loans.

The enthusiastic response to the appeal for memberships in the home organization makes this possible and while the membership campaign is not finished it is the opinion of the officials of the association that the business men of the city will respond one hundred per cent.

In the granting of loans the directors will act on the applications in the order of their receipt and as scores of prospective home owners have signified their intention of applying for a loan it behooves them to make application early and thus get prompt action.

It is the hope of the organization's officials that the 100 charter membership will be composed of the guaranteed stockholders and the business men of the city who by depositing a portion of their savings in the institution will give the association sufficient funds to meet all applications for loans.

The association, according to President James W. Post, opens the way for anyone desiring to save, a safe and sane method of conserving their money where it will draw seven per cent per annum over a period of 134 months, compounded semi-annually.

The organization also offers term certificates whereby six per cent is paid on deposits of one year or more; five per cent on deposits that remain in the association for six months or more and less than a year and four per cent on deposits of less than six months.

C. E. Berry, of the Los Angeles Mutual Building & Loan Association, who organized the local branch, is enthusiastic over the outlook for business in Torrance and predicts that as the knowledge of the great good the association is going to do Torrance that every business man will co-operate by deposits in the savings fund. Mr. Berry addressed the Welfare section of the Union Tool company, Wednesday evening and received a rousing welcome.

FLOWING WELLS IN TORRANCE OIL FIELDS

Many New Derricks Show on Horizon West of Town

Progress in the development of the Torrance Oil Fields is steadily going forward, with all indications pointing to one of the best fields in Southern California within the coming year. Excitement that other fields enjoy occasionally do not happen here, because, perhaps, the field is still in the early stages of development, yet right at the point of announcing to the world that here lies the coming oil center of the country.

All the large companies are interested in sinking wells or are dealing in leases that show the experts are keeping closely in touch with this district.

Redondo Well No. 1 is now producing 145 to 148 barrels of 15-gravity oil per day.

Torrance No. 1, which recently took its place among the producers of the district, claims about 160 barrels of a heavier grade.

Standard Well No. 1, on the Torrance Holding Company's 30 acres shows 350 barrels per day of a good grade of oil. Another well by the same company is drilling east of their first well and are down about 1000 feet. They will profit by the experiences of their first venture and a fine well is looked for the coming month.

At the Dominguez Well No. 1 report has it that indications are exceptionally good at this time. Yesterday the water was shut off and work is progressing rapidly.

Del Amo No. 2 has made record time progress and Thursday they encountered strong indications of oil and gas.

Del Amo No. 1, the only well in the district that has continued to flow since it was brought in last June, is now making 560 barrels a day. The production in barrels has been up and down at various periods, having gone as high as 1000 barrels and then dropped back to 200, finally settling down to 560 to 600 barrels per day of 24-gravity.

There are now twenty-six derrick-

First Anniversary of Torrance Theatre Oct. 12

Next Thursday night, October 12, the Torrance Theatre will have been open just a year, and in commemoration of the event Mr. and Mrs. McVey will celebrate their First Anniversary in the moving picture business here by giving their patrons a fine musical entertainment in addition to the regular performance. There will be but one "Big Show" that evening, and you are requested to be there at 7:30 o'clock in the evening so that you will not miss any of the performance and permit the management to start right on the dot. There is no advance in prices, and everyone here should take advantage of this one night's performance in showing your appreciation of Mr. and Mrs. McVey's efforts in bringing to your town the best there is in moving pictures, musicals, pipe organ entertainment and a cozy, comfortable theatre, as well as a clean show.

Flowers and Fireworks at Forum Meet

Flowers and fireworks were the noticeable features of the Forum meeting held in the chamber of commerce rooms Monday night.

The flowers consisted of a magnificent bouquet of dahlias presented by Mrs. J. J. Stevenson, of 1229 Perola avenue—perhaps as a peace offering—who knows?

The fireworks was a verbal tilt between Ex-Mayor George A. Proctor, G. A. R. Steiner and Secretary Pottinger, et al., over the location of factories and other matters in Torrance, that enlivened the meeting and added the necessary element of excitement so welcome in public gatherings.

"Who's dead?" was the unanimous question asked Secretary Pottinger by the assembly at the meeting as they noticed the beautiful flowers tied with chiffon ribbon and prominently displayed on the director's table.

"There's no one dead, not even sick," replied the smiling secretary as President Gourdiere called the meeting to order.

Following the reading of a lengthy but interesting record of the things that have been accomplished within the seven months' existence of the present organization, and that are now being acted upon by the directors of the chamber, various questions were discussed, among others being the location of new factories in Torrance.

"Tell me of a single instance Mr. Secretary" said ex-Mayor Proctor, "when you have received the support or co-operation of the Dominguez Land corporation in anything you have ever attempted to put over in the way of new factories."

Before the secretary could reply Mr. Steiner arose to the defense of the company by stating that in nearly every case where a new fac-

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COLUMBUS DAY CELEBRATION

The Knights of Columbus of this district will celebrate Columbus Day, October 12, in the Catholic Hall, on Cota street, Torrance. The entertainment committee has arranged for vaudeville, eats and dancing. A cordial invitation is extended to the public to celebrate the anniversary of the discovery of America. Admission free.

FIRST P. T. A. MEETING

The first meeting of the P. T. A. for this year will be held Wednesday, October 11, at 2:30 p. m. in the Assembly hall at the High school building. All members are urgently asked to be present as there is considerable business to be taken up at this time, special committees for the year will be appointed, and plans for our year's work laid out.

Mothers are asked to remember to help place the fern in their child's grade for the first month. We now have a membership of 114. Do the mothers of Torrance know that number attend our first meeting.

MRS. FRANK H. CLARK, Pres.

Do the mothers of Torrance know that a clinic was established at the Fifth street school at San Pedro last June for the Harbor District, including Torrance, Lomita, Harbor City and San Pedro.

The doctors are on duty every day at the dental clinic, and the medical clinic is open Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The small charge for the first call is 10 cents and any following calls 25 cents. You are welcome to take your children for treatment and help to avoid serious illness.

Mr. and Mrs. John Pederson, corner of Cota and Redondo Boulevard have begun the building of their new cement home.

ricks in the district and before another six months it is probable that the field will begin to resemble Signal Hill or Huntington Beach.

MUD WORTH \$20 A TON FOUND IN TORRANCE

Discovery of Clay That May Mean Wealth To Many

"Mud At Twenty Dollars a Ton" is literally true in the case of a Torrance resident who recently discovered that his five-acre tract in Keystone is underlain with what is known as "Oil Driller's Mud" a substance found only in limited quantities anywhere in the state and for which he has been offered one cent a pound.

The surprising discovery that may make him and his immediate neighbors wealthy, came about through the planting of a fruit tree.

In digging into the earth at a depth of three feet James McGarrigle, who lives at the corner of Wilmington and Hoover streets in this city found what he at first supposed to be moulder's clay. Taking a small portion to Los Angeles an expert geologist informed him that it had every appearance of being the more valuable oil driller's mud and suggested an infallible test. This test was accomplished to the satisfaction of the geologist and of course to the great delight of the owner, who says that he has since been offered by the Santa Fe twenty dollars a ton for the mud laid down on the oil company's property.

When the discovery became known among the oil people, McGarrigle says he was approached by the Standard, Union and General Petroleum but was taken the advice of attorneys and now refuses to sell.

McGarrigle learned that the value of his "mud" lay in the fact of its scarcity, there only being two known deposits in this state, a small one in Montebello and a larger deposit near Bakersfield.

The mud is used by drillers to assist them in extracting the sand from the drill hole. It has the peculiar attribute of absorbing the fine sand that in no other way can be raised from the great depths in which it is found. Many of the oil drillers who are unable to secure the mud when needed use sugar beet pulp that in a lesser degree has this same adhesive quality.

Mr. McGarrigle purchased the five acres where this "gold of the oil fields" as it is commonly called, has been discovered, in 1920 had his wife and the latter's sister have made periodical visits to Torrance from their home in Elgin, Ill., for the purpose of improving the property. Mr. McGarrigle is in the employ of the Elgin Watch company but will soon move west and make his home in this city.

Since the discovery of the mud Mr. McGarrigle's attention has been called to an explanatory article in the July number of Popular Mechanics that thoroughly explains the valuable qualities of the strange substance.

Six Big Events In Boxing Bouts

While no special inducement is needed to bring the fight fans to the American Legion hall tonight, the committee in charge of the boxing program is offering one that should be the best yet and is one that as the program states includes six top-notch events.

"Don't come with the intention of seeing only a main event. Come to see five others" is the way the placard reads and as the managers have not yet disappointed their patrons, a promise of this kind means a full evening's enjoyment.

Sam Kaspar, of the Union Tool company, who is not only a "comer" but who has actually "arrived" as an exponent of the many art of self defense, has been taken under the wing of an experienced fight general and the rough edges that now and then show in his ring tactics will be polished off. He is to be taken to San Pedro, Vernon and other places where he will eventually meet Class-A men and will gain experience that cannot be learned in his local engagements.

This week the big iron worker meets Sailor Irque, of the U.S.S. Arizona, said to be a "punishment absorber," and one that will give Kaspar a run for his money.

A special event this week is the go between Battling Patino and Sailor Liona, of the Connecticut that should prove to be a "stem-winder."

Another event on the card that is attracting attention due to the merits of the participants is that of Cyrus vs. Kid Manuel of Gardena, that will bring the Gardena fans to the ringside in droves.

Kid Essex of Los Angeles and Sailor Mun complete a bill that is thought to be without a peer in the history of the local boxing game.

In the life of a boy the saddest words of tongue or pen are "When does school take up again?"